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## **DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.132**

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We hereby declare that any invention disclosed but not claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,272,887, which is cited in a rejection by the Examiner, was derived from the inventors of this application and is thus not the invention by another.

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